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### AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

#### LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A musical instrument stand comprising:

a base frame, a main tube, a socket, and a connector,

the base frame having a joint, a first leg rod, a second leg rod, a third leg rod, a main pipe, and the joint connected to the first leg rod, the second leg rod, the third leg rod, and the main pipe,

the main tube engaging with the main pipe,

the main tube having a plurality of oblong grooves to receive a fastening bolt,

the socket disposed on the main pipe,

the connector disposed on a top end of the main tube,

an inner tube inserted in the socket,

the inner tube having an inner groove,

a support device engaging with the socket,

a brace device engaging with the connector, and

the fastening bolt fastening the main pipe and the main tube, wherein the support device has a generally U-shaped rod, a shaft connected to the generally U-shaped rod, the shaft having an end block, two extending arm portions extending from two sides of the generally U-shaped rod, each of the extending arm portions having an end hook, and two pad collars each surrounding the corresponding extending arm portion, the shaft is inserted through the inner tube, and the end block is moved along the inner groove of the inner tube.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~The musical instrument stand as claimed in claim 1~~ A musical instrument stand comprising:

a base frame, a main tube, a socket, and a connector,

the base frame having a joint, a first leg rod, a second leg rod, a third leg rod, a main pipe, and the joint connected to the first leg rod, the second leg rod, the third leg rod, and the main pipe,

the main tube engaging with the main pipe,

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the main tube having a plurality of oblong grooves to receive a fastening bolt,  
the socket disposed on the main pipe,  
the connector disposed on a top end of the main tube,  
an inner tube inserted in the socket,  
the inner tube having an inner groove,  
a support device engaging with the socket,  
a brace device engaging with the connector,  
the fastening bolt fastening the main pipe and the main tube, wherein the support device has a pad and a post connected to the pad, the post has a distal block and a positioning protrusion, the post is inserted through the inner tube, and the distal block is moved along the inner groove of the inner tube.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~The musical instrument stand as claimed in claim 1~~ A musical instrument stand comprising:

a base frame, a main tube, a socket, and a connector,  
the base frame having a joint, a first leg rod, a second leg rod, a third leg rod, a main pipe,  
and the joint connected to the first leg rod, the second leg rod, the third leg rod, and the main pipe,

the main tube engaging with the main pipe,  
the main tube having a plurality of oblong grooves to receive a fastening bolt,  
the socket disposed on the main pipe,  
the connector disposed on a top end of the main tube,  
an inner tube inserted in the socket,  
the inner tube having an inner groove,  
a support device engaging with the socket,  
a brace device engaging with the connector,  
the fastening bolt fastening the main pipe and the main tube, wherein the connector has a lower tube and a transverse pipe connected to the lower tube, the lower tube engages with the main tube, and the transverse pipe has an enlarged opening, an L-shaped end notch communicating with the enlarged opening, a through hole communicating with the enlarged opening, an inner recess formed in an inner wall of the transverse pipe, and an inner chamber communicating with the inner recess and the through hole.

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Claim 5 (original): The musical instrument stand as claimed in claim 4, wherein the brace device has a U-shaped tube, a pillar connected to the U-shaped tube, and a hollow plug to receive the pillar, the hollow plug has an internal recess, a positioning block is disposed on the hollow plug, an annular device surrounds the pillar, a protruded block is disposed on the pillar, the protruded block is inserted in the internal recess of the hollow plug, the hollow plug engages with the transverse pipe until the positioning block is inserted in the L-shaped end notch, and the pillar is inserted through the hollow plug and inserted in the through hole of the transverse pipe.

Claim 6 (original): The musical instrument stand as claimed in claim 4, wherein the brace device has a U-shaped tube, a column connected to the U-shaped tube, the U-shaped tube has two lateral bracing portions, and two arm tubes each extending from the corresponding lateral bracing portion, each of the arm tubes has an end annular flange, two annular flanges each surrounds the corresponding arm tube, the column has an end protrusion, a ring surrounds the column, the column is inserted through the through hole of the transverse pipe, and the ring blocks the transverse pipe.